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SUBJECT: CUBANS SEND DELEGATION TO SAHARA ARMED STRUGGLE ANNIVERSARY

1. GRANMA, MAY 18, ANNOUNCES THAT CUBA WILL SEND DELEGATION TO CELEBRATION OF FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF INITIATION OF SAHARA ARMED STRUGGLE, SPONSORED BY POLISARIO IN ALGERIA. MEMBERS OF DELEGATION WILL BE COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER COLONEL JOSE RAMON SILVA BERROA AND CENTRAL COMMITTEE GENERAL FOREIGN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT FUNCTIONARY PEDRO J. MACHADO. PAIR WILL LATER ATTEND FIFTH CONGRESS OF ALGERIAN COMBATANTS (MODJAHIDINE).

2. COMMENT: DISPATCH OF CUBAN MILITARY OFFICER (THOUGH AVAILABLE INFORMATION INDICATES SILVA BERROA IS PRIMARILY A POLITICAL, RATHER THAN COMBAT, OFFICER) INDICATES THAT CUBANS ARE FEELING LESS INHIBITED ABOUT IDENTIFYING THEMSELVES WITH POLISARIO ARMED STRUGGLE AGAINST MOROCCANS AND MAURITANIANS. NONE-THELESS, ALGERIANS TELL US THAT THEY DO NOT EXPECT CUBAN RECOGNITION OF SAHARA DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC SOON. WE ALSO
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NOTE THAT CUBAN FOREIGN MINISTER MALMIERCA, AWARE OF STRONG EMOTIONAL IMPACT THAT ISSUE HAS ALREADY AROUSED IN NON-ALIGNED COORDINATING BUREAU HERE, AVOIDED MENTIONING SAHARA ISSUE IN HIS INAUGURAL SPEECH TO NON-ALIGNED MINISTERIAL MEETING IN HAVANA, MAY 18.
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